

California Medical Association



NOTICES AND REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 505th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Thunderbird Hotel, October 31, 1964.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at the Thunderbird Hotel, San Francisco International Airport, on Saturday, October 31, 1964, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were President Doyle, President-Elect Teall, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Telford, Secretary Hosmer and Councilors MacLaggan, Wilson, Todd, Taw, Goel, Bullock, Ham, Rogers, Maguire, Murray, Richard S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Anderson, Dozier and Cosentino and ex-officio Councilor Sherman.

Absent for cause, Editor Dwight L. Wilbur, Councilors O'Connor, Kaiser, Grunigen and Shaw.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Whelan, Klutch, Clark, Edwards, James, Eberlein, Blackley, Goldman and Moreillon, Doctor Miller and Mmes. Griffith and Redfern of the CMA staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; Messrs. Read, Salisbury, Putnam and Brown of the Public Health League; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Rideout of Butte-Glenn, Geisert of Kern, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Rosenthal of Los Angeles, Blankfort of Marin, Colvin of Monterey, Bannister of Orange, Walters of Riverside, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson and Monnich of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, Marvin of Santa Barbara, and Brown of Sonoma; Doctors Malcolm Merrill of the State Department of Public Health, Robert Hewitt of the State Department of Mental Hygiene and Lester McDonald of the State Department of Social Welfare; Doctors T. Eric Reynolds and Paul Hoagland and Messrs. Paolini, Nyron, O'Dea, Heller and Potloff of California Physicians' Service; Messrs. Clifton Linville and Mark Berke of the California Hospital Association;

Mr. John Pompelli of the American Medical Association; Mr. Robert Garrick, consultant; Doctors Warren L. Bostick, John Schaupp, Edgar Wayburn and others.

1. Minutes for Approval

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 504th Council meeting, held September 19, 1964, were approved.

2. Membership

(a) A report of membership as of October 28, 1964, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 24 applicants were elected to Associate Membership. These were: Fred D. Fisher, Alexander N. Gansa, Elizabeth Ann Jolly, George L. Ponomareff, Alameda-Contra Costa; Geraldine B. Branch, Jack Brook, Robert C. Heaven, Arthur David Schwabe, Robert Lincoln Smith, James Charles Thompson, Los Angeles County; Sheldon Wayne Grinnell, Robert Lee Julian, Napa County; Maria Barrows, John M. Coble, Wallace Epstein, Deanne F. Gottfried, Sol Hazen, Verne T. Inman, Steven Ross, San Francisco County; Victor Hugh Vogel, Santa Cruz County; Henry E. Stafford, Sonoma County; Norbert I. Rieger, Ventura County; Frank Wilson Price, Yolo County; Rae C. Lindsay, Yuba-Sutter-Colusa Counties.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, eight members were elected as Retired Members. These were: Isaac Alexander, Charles C. Boericke, Frank R. Johnston, Wm. A. S. Magrath, Alameda-Contra Costa County; James W. Crever, Lassen-Plumas-Modoc-Sierra County; Frank A. M.

JAMES C. DOYLE, M.D. President
RALPH C. TEALL, M.D. President-Elect
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Bryant, Mac Louis Sherwood, Los Angeles County; Ethel L. Righetti, San Francisco County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, 16 members were voted a reduction of dues because of postgraduate study or prolonged illness.

3. 1964 House of Delegates Resolutions

Report was presented on status of resolutions from the 1964 House of Delegates. Resolution 66-64 was discussed and the entire report was ordered rewritten and elaborated for presentation at the December meeting, at which time approval will be sought to forward the report to members of the 1965 House of Delegates. The report to be sent to delegates will also contain the "resolved" portion of each resolution.

4. Finance Committee

Doctor Murray, chairman, reported that the Finance Committee had held a preliminary meeting and that another meeting would be held prior to the December Council meeting. A proposed budget will be presented to the Council in January and following Council approval the budget will be given to the members of the appropriate reference committee of the House of Delegates for their information prior to the 1965 Annual Session.

5. Committee on Committees

President-Elect Teall, as chairman, presented nominations for appointments approved by the Committee on Committees. All were approved, as follows:

Medical Staff Survey Committee—Rush Blodget, Redding, vice Charles D. Miller, resigned. J. Ralph Hughes, State Department of Public Health, vice Glennard E. Lahrson, resigned.

Maternal and Child Care—District II committee—Bruce Rolf, Los Angeles, vice William Benbow Thompson, Robert F. Kelly, vice Keith P. Russell.

Committee on Review of Radiation Hazards Program—Charles E. Grayson, Sacramento, chairman; Justin Williams, Robert Scanlon, Reginald Smart, Walter Brignoli, Hal B. Stewart, Jr., members; Mr. Robert Pugh, Pasadena, Consultant.

Committee to Cooperate with California Hospital Association on Regional Hospital Planning Committees—Glenn Pope, chairman; John W. Gates, Joseph Telford, Pierre Salmon, Richard Taw, Jean Crum, Paul Doehring, Laurence Mosier and James Dalton, members; John F. Murray, Edward H. Crane, Jr., Robert F. Schell, consultants. It was agreed that these appointments would be for the interim period preceding the 1965 Annual Session.

6. Bureau of Research and Planning

Doctor Sherman reported on several activities of the bureau, including the following:

(a) A survey of the need of physicians in California, in response to Resolution 4-64 of the 1964 House of Delegates. Study has been completed and copies distributed.

ACTION: Report approved and publication authorized.

(b) Study among psychiatrists on professional courtesy. The study suggested that its findings should be applied to all physicians, regardless of specialty, and that collection of professional fees should be a permissive matter where long-term care was involved and where there was advance agreement between the parties.

ACTION: Report received for submission to House of Delegates, with stress on permissive feature of findings.

(c) Study under Department of Mental Hygiene grant on manpower needs for mental health. Copies will be distributed to members of Council.

(d) Studies under way on reasons for non-membership of physicians in Los Angeles County and on the quality of medical care.

Doctor Sherman further reported that six surveys are planned for the coming year.

7. Committee on Legislation

Doctor Dan O. Kilroy, committee chairman, reported that letters have been sent to all chiropractors in the state, urging the contribution of \$40 each toward a fund of \$18,000 proposed for the retention of a qualified lobbyist. This effort, if successful, will mean a repetition of earlier attempts to secure legislation broadening the scope of practice of this group.

Doctor Kilroy also reported on the proposed opening of an office in Sacramento, as a joint effort with the Public Health League, to serve as a year-around headquarters for keeping in touch with state offices and interim legislative committees.

Mr. Ben Read outlined the activities of legislative representatives in following interim committee hearings in recent weeks.

8. Department of Public Health

Doctor Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, reported that a decision had been reached to close Fort Ord against all new recruits for a 30-day period in an effort to combat the spread of meningococcic meningitis. This recess period, he said, would not eliminate the disease and further cases may be expected following this shutdown. Doctor Merrill answered various questions from Councilors and agreed to accept any assistance the Association might give.

ACTION: Voted to authorize the chairman of the Scientific Board, together with consultants of his

own choosing, to contact the Department of Public Health and others to determine if the Association can be of help in resisting the meningitis danger at Fort Ord.

Doctor Merrill also reported on the hearings held on krebiozen by the Cancer Council and stated that some difficulty may be experienced in the Legislature in the effort to extend the life of the law permitting control over the use of drugs in the treatment of cancer.

9. *Department of Rehabilitation*

Doctor Richard Young, medical director of the State Department of Rehabilitation, reported on the status of the department's program.

10. *California Hospital Association*

Mr. Clifton Linville, immediate past president of the California Hospital Association, introduced Mr. Mark Berke, president-elect of the association, who commented favorably on the newsletter to be jointly prepared by the two associations for distribution to hospital administrators and hospital medical staff personnel.

ACTION: Voted to approve a resolution presented by President Doyle in praise of the California Hospital Association on its leadership and expressing the hope that the cooperative attitude of the two associations might continue.

ACTION: Voted to adjourn this meeting out of respect for Clifton H. Linville, immediate past president of the California Hospital Association.

11. *Medical Executives Conference*

Mr. Everett Bannister, chairman, reported on the subjects covered in a conference meeting held October 30. He also presented Messrs. Robert Marvin of Santa Barbara County, Mike Monnich of San Joaquin, Bill Burris of San Diego, H. Martin Baker of Los Angeles, Robert Blough of Orange and Howard Pearce of Santa Clara as nominees for election as members of the conference.

ACTION: Nominees elected as members of the Medical Executives Conference as presented.

12. *Report of the President*

President Doyle reported on his appearances before various groups, including the California Hospital Association and the Woman's Auxiliary to CMA, since the last Council meeting.

13. *California Medical Education and Research Foundation*

Doctor Doyle, president, requested that authority be given to CMERF to plan a series of conferences with labor leaders, educators, full-time salaried

physicians and others in a continuation of studies on the role of medicine in society.

ACTION: Authority voted as requested.

14. *Conference of Component Society Officers*

Doctor Edgar Wayburn, chairman of the committee on program of the 1965 conference of component society officers, presented the proposed program for the January 16 conference, to be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles.

ACTION: Program approved.

15. *Report of President-Elect*

President-Elect Teall reported on his activities in recent weeks, including a meeting October 30 with the Finance Committee and the chairmen of the several commissions.

16. *Medical Staff Survey Committee*

Doctor MacLaggan reported that two inspections were scheduled for the near future, one in San Joaquin County and one in a group of hospitals in one area of Los Angeles County.

Doctor MacLaggan also reported that he had been invited to participate in a hospital conference scheduled as a part of the American Medical Association meeting in Miami Beach and asked authority to attend.

ACTION: Trip to Miami Beach for hospital conference authorized.

17. *State Employees Retirement System*

President-Elect Teall called attention to the report of Medical and Hospital Advisory Council to the Board of Administration of the State Employees Retirement System. This council was under the chairmanship of Doctor Malcolm S. M. Watts and included Doctor Dave F. Dozier in its membership. Doctor Teall recommended the report for thorough study by all Councilors.

ACTION: Motion passed commending the Advisory Council and Doctors Watts and Dozier on an outstanding piece of work.

18. *Legal Department*

Mr. Hassard outlined the need for reapportionment of the State Senate under a series of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and stressed the changes such reapportionment would create in state legislative circles.

19. *Ad Hoc Committee on Radiology*

The chairman read a letter from the California Radiological Society to Doctor Burt Davis, chairman of the ad hoc committee, in which the radiological group expressed willingness to cooperate in a review of outpatient radiography, electrocardiograms and electroencephalograms in two counties.

20. *Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Discipline*

Doctor Anderson reviewed the testimony he had given before a State Senate committee on medical discipline and reported that additional time had been allowed for a study on the recommendations made for cases involving mental illness.

21. *Ad Hoc Committee on Workmen's Compensation*

Doctor Anderson reported that the Governor's "Blue Ribbon Committee" on Workmen's Compensation was still working on its report. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission has appointed a Medical Advisory Committee which includes Doctor Paul McMaster, Doctor Francis J. Cox and Mr. William Whelan in its membership, which is studying a system of selection of impartial medical advisors to the commission.

22. *Commission on Medical Services*

Chairman Murray reported that the Committee on Federal Medical Care had held two meetings on the Department of Defense program for medical care of military dependents and was hopeful that an improved schedule of fees might be developed.

Doctor Murray and Doctor Pierre Salmon presented the proposed bylaws of the California Joint Council for Health Care of the Aged and requested approval from the Association as a sponsor of the Council.

ACTION: Bylaws accepted with minor modification.

Doctors Murray and Salmon also presented a paper discussing the definitions of several medical care terms, including "convalescent" and "long-term care" prepared to assist the State Department of Public Health in the classification of hospitals under state licensure.

ACTION: Statement approved in principle, subject to clarification in its language. Approval to be given by Commission on Medical Services prior to submission to State Department of Public Health.

23. *Time and Place of Next Meeting*

It was agreed that the next Council meeting, to be held December 12, 1964, should be held in San Francisco. (Note: Because suitable meeting rooms are not available in San Francisco, the meeting will be held in Los Angeles as originally scheduled.)

24. *Commission on Community Health Services*

Doctor Kay, chairman, presented several items in behalf of committees within the commission, including:

(a) For the Committee on School Health a set of guides for a teacher health program in the local school district was presented, with a request for approval.

ACTION: Guides approved as submitted.

(b) For the Committee on Disaster Medical Care, the proposal was presented that the Association go on record as approving the transfer of the medical care aspects of disaster preparedness from the State Disaster Office to the State Department of Public Health and that proper provision be made in budgeted funds for maintenance of an adequate staff to make the medical aspects of the program effective.

ACTION: Voted to defer action to the December meeting, pending conferences with the California Hospital Association and with the large regional disaster committees in the state.

(c) A proposed program of demonstrations in rural areas on rehabilitation services, to be performed by Stanford University School of Medicine under grant funds, was presented with a request for approval in principle. Program would aim at educating medical and paramedical personnel in the provision of rehabilitation services at the home town scene.

ACTION: Proposed program approved in principle.

(d) For the Committee on Military Affairs, a resolution was presented, asking that the Department of Defense be urged to establish for its retired personnel a system of prepaid health insurance similar to the existing program for federal employees, rather than embark on a program of building military and veterans' hospitals to handle the anticipated peak load in the next decade.

ACTION: Proposed resolution approved for offering to California delegation to the American Medical Association.

25. *Commission on Professional Welfare*

(a) Sponsorship of a disability insurance program carried by several hundred members of the Forty First Medical Society was requested, so that the participating members might continue the insurance coverage at favorable rates.

ACTION: Voted to sponsor insurance program offered by Washington National Life Insurance Co. to members of the Forty First Medical Society.

(b) The commission offered a statement on the staffing of hospital medical emergency units and requested approval for distribution.

ACTION: Statement approved for distribution.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. in honor of Mr. Clifton H. Linville.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*